Observance of 'Jharkhand Bandh by Jharkhand Mukti Moreha

302. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS he pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that the Jharkhand Mukti Moreha will observe 'Jharkhand Bandh' on 2nd December, 1987 unless the Central Government agreed to discuss its demand for a separate state;

(b) whether the Central Government intend to hold talks with Jharkhand Mukti Moreha; and

(c) what is the stand of the Central Government on its demand for a separate State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Such demand arises on account of economic imbalances. The Government of India are of the view that such imbalances in a particular State or region should be tackled through the mechanism of planning and that the creation of a Separate State may not be the answer to the problem.

Collections from Small Savings

303. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that collections from small savings may decline further because of lowering of the rates of interest from April 1, 1987; and

(b) what are the details of the incentiver Government intend to declare for making small savings attractive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) and (b) Lesser deposits in some small, savings schemes have been noticed. A new monthly income scheme has already been introduced on 15th August, 1987. A special drive for three months from 2nd October, 1987 has been launched to improve the collections.

Financial Assistance received by NTC

304. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of financial assistance the National Textile Corporation has received from various financial institutions including the World Bank and the Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund till now;

(b) how this money has been distributed amongst the NTC mills, State-wise, and the details of distribution; and

(c) what are the results achieved so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR); (a) NTC has received financial assistance of Rs. 132.08 crores from IDBI and IFCI as on 30-9-87. So far no financial assistance has been received by NTC from the World Bank and the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund.

(b) A statement showing state-wise position of financial assistance given by IDBI and IFCI to NTC subsidiaries/mills upto 30-9-87 is attached. (Stee below)

(c) The funds received from financial institutions have been utilised for various modernisation schemes of NTC mills. NTC has been able to improve its performance in certain technical parameters.